

Turning Point

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Newsletter



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Welcome to Decembers turning Point. Although we are still making progress in our preparations for the move, with down-sizing of machinery and materials, the move itself has been stalled again. The following e-mail from Brian explains:

Move to New Premises - latest update Dec 3rd 2016.

Due to undue delays and red tape by Middlesbrough Council the changeover of ownership to Tees Valley Community Asset Preservation Trust will not now take place until Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

This means that nothing can officially start before that date. It also means of course that nothing can start on the refurbishing of the barn, and their plans for a nursery to be up and running by January 3rd are long gone. We have been assured that we will **NOT** be moved out of our current premises until the new unit is ready for us to move into. This is good news and we can stop worrying about where we go in the interim period. As long as we can stay put then there's no rush, although we would like to see the move go ahead as soon as possible.

Some weeks ago our floor plan was rejected by the building regs. people as the toilets were not big enough for disabled access. We submitted a revised plan increasing the space available for toilets by reducing the 'kitchen' to a walk in cupboard with sink unit etc. Brian contacted the group on 30th November requesting an update on progress regarding planning permission, building regulations etc, but all he got was 'we are making progress but it's somewhat slow'.

In preparation for the move Stan and Brian have spent quite a few hours at the premises outside club time and disposed of a lot of rubbish from the shelves, and John has been reducing the stock in the wood store. The committee decided that we would sell off three of the four big lathes and replace them with two, or maybe three, smaller ones. They have now been sold to club members. Tony Wilson was a bit disappointed because he wanted to buy the Silver-drive. That one has now left the premises and the two big Axminsters will be going before Christmas. We will probably wait until we move before buying the new ones, (almost certainly the Charnwood W824 midi-lathe.

The £10,000 grant money has been in our bank account for a few weeks now and is available as soon as it is needed. (Brian says that thanks to the grant he can travel to New Zealand business class this time.....if only!!!)

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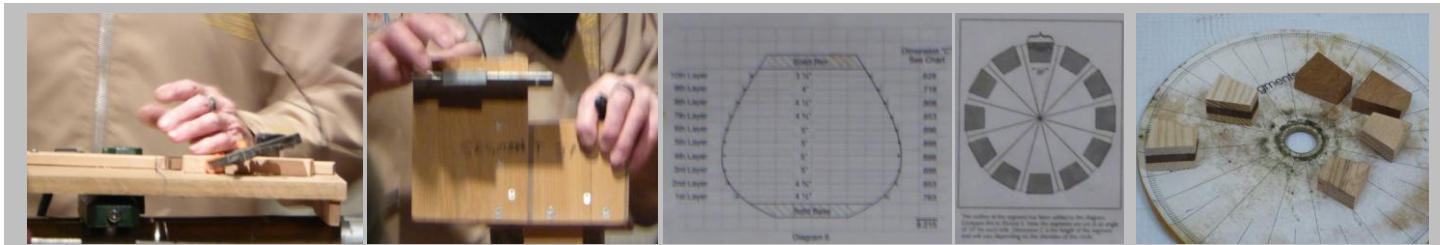
Table-top Turn-out 9th November



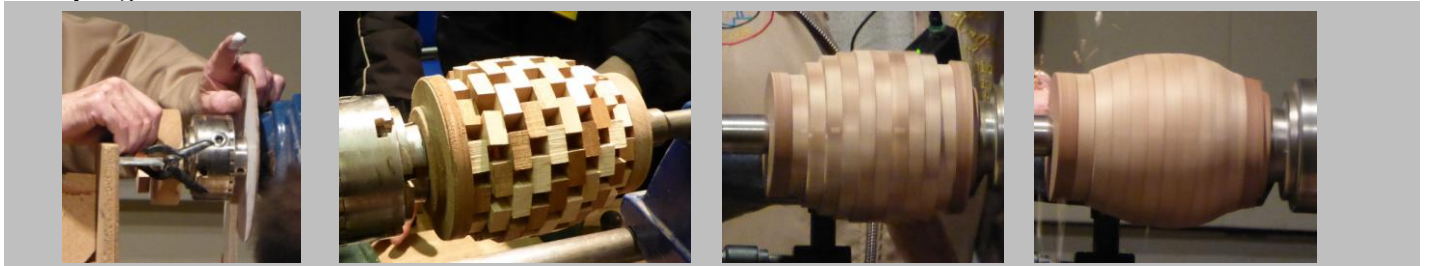
In-House Demo: Brian Haggath: Segmented Bowls.



Once again Brian set out to do something really challenging in front of an audience anticipating an evening of comedy. Once again, he didn't disappoint. Despite the comic undertones, Brian gave some really useful information for both beginners and masters of the craft. He began by showing us a range of jigs and explained the need for precision and understanding of angles and diameters before embarking on the project.

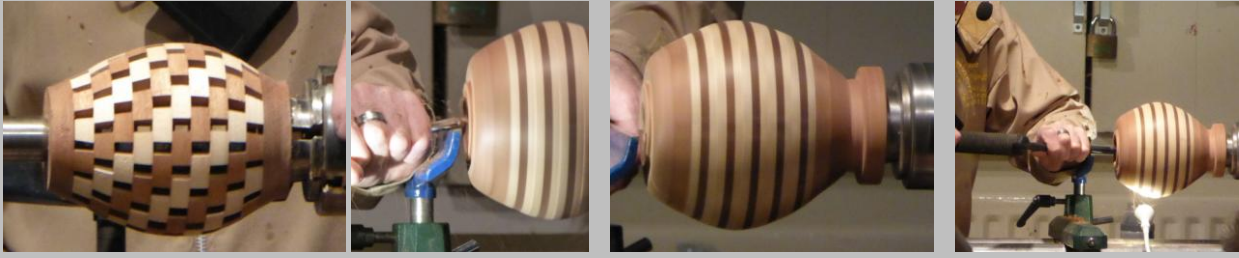


Brian began by gluing a couple or rings of blocks, on the lathe using the jigs to turn to just the correct amount and to hold the position for a few seconds until the glue (resin W) bound. He emphasised the need for sufficient drying time before beginning turning the bowl. Quickly shaping the outside.



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Although the project lost a piece, Brian continued with a spare that he had prepared, like all good demonstrators, and completed the shaping of the interior with a promise to bring the completed item next week.

All in all a fascinating and entertaining demo showing the pitfalls facing a demonstrator and how to overcome them. See Brians Table below. Pete R



Table-top Turn-out 23rd November

Band-saw Alan



Roy Jones x2



Richard Bennett



Brian Haggath x2



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Below is the letter from the Help for Heroes Management regarding the support of our club in turning the 'Mousey' Thompson blanks. Sales are going well and our club member's efforts are truly appreciated.

Bob Marshall



Great North Air Ambulance Service

Brian has just sent off a cheque for £1,000 on behalf of the club to Great North Air Ambulance Service. This is the proceeds of the collection box which we always have on display at the summer shows we attend. The vast majority of this money is from the pieces which Stan sells, as he always puts all his sales money into the box.

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